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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR JUNE 24, 1975

1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE ON KOREA PREPARED FOR JUNE 24  
PRESS BRIEFING:

QUOTE:

QUESTION: REPORTS FROM SEOUL INDICATE THAT THE KOREAN  
GOVERNMENT HAS RAISED THE ALERT STATUS FOR SOME OF ITS  
MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AGENCIES FROM THIRD TO SECOND  
DEGREE. HOW DOES THE DEPARTMENT VIEW THIS ACTION AND  
DO WE PERCEIVE A GREATER THREAT THAN HAD EXISTED  
PREVIOUSLY?

ANSWER: WE HAVE SEEN THESE REPORTS AND WE UNDERSTAND  
THAT THIS ACTION MIGHT BE RELATED TO HEIGHTENED ALERT  
PROCEDURES BEING PRACTICED ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE KOREAN WAR (JUNE 25).

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AS THE SECRETARY SAID JUNE 24, 'WE DO NOT BELIEVE

NORTH KOREA CAN NOW BE UNDER ANY MISAPPREHENSION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO HONOR TREATY COMMITMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN RATIFIED BY CONGRESS. AS LONG AS WE CAN MAINTAIN THIS COMMITMENT, WE BELIEVE THERE IS NO DANGER OF ATTACK."

FYI: CAN BE USED IF NECESSARY: SECOND DEGREE ALERT ENTAILS CANCELLATION OF ALL LEAVE AND ONE-FIFTH OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PEOPLE HAVE TO REMAIN ON DUTY 24 HOURS A DAY.

QUESTION: HAVE US FORCES BEEN PUT ON ANY HEIGHTENED ALERT?

ANSWER: I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN THIS REGARD BUT SUGGEST YOU CONTACT DOD. (THE DOD RESPONSE WILL BE "WE HAVE TAKEN NO ACTION TO INCREASE THE ALERT STATUS OF USFK")  
UNQUOTE

3. NO QUESTION WAS ASKED AT PRESS BRIEFING. KISSINGER

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